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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:** Ulrich Birnbaum et al.  
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**FOR:** CONNECTING ELEMENT FOR AN ASSEMBLY  
SYSTEM  
**EXAMINER:** Victor L. MacArthur **Group:** 3679

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 25, 2006  
please amend the above-entitled application as follows: